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Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

Sixteenth session
Geneva, 12–14 December 2018
Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixteenth session

To be held at World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 December 2018*

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1. The 2018 Symposium.

* The sixteenth session of the Steering Committee will be held at World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva (Salle C), located on Avenue Appia. In order to access WHO premises, delegates must be registered and their names included in the list of participants, which will be available at the reception desk inside the entrance to the main building. Prior to the session, delegates are requested to report to the reception desk, where they will receive an identification badge and directions to the meeting room. For reasons of economy, they are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda (available at https://thepep.unece.org) to the meeting.

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II. Annotations

A. The 2018 Symposium: Working towards Priority Goal 3

1. The 2018 Symposium

At its seventh session (Geneva, 22–23 October 2009), the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) discussed ways to engage more actively with member States and other stakeholders on priority issues for THE PEP and agreed that, beginning with its eighth session, in-depth discussions (symposiums) would be organized, including speakers from the private sector, academia, government and civil society (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/8-EUR/09/5088363/8, para. 46). Topics would be in line with the four priority goals adopted at the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, 22–23 January 2009) and

would reflect one goal per year.[1] At its fifteenth session (Geneva, 6–8 November 2017), the Steering Committee agreed to continue to hold annual symposiums back to back with its sessions.

At its thirty-second meeting (Geneva, 8 November 2017), the Bureau of THE PEP decided that in order to deepen the debate and assess progress achieved in the lead-up to the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna, 22–24 October 2019), the topic of the 2018 Symposium would be "Achieving multiple benefits through active mobility: reduced emissions and noise, better environment and improved human health" in the context of Priority Goal 3, "To reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise". The Symposium will begin at 10 a.m. on 12 December 2018.

All stakeholders are encouraged to participate actively in the Symposium. Its conclusions will be reviewed at the general session of the Steering Committee (see below, item 5 of the provisional agenda). A detailed programme will be available in due course.

Documentation

The 2018 THE PEP Symposium: Achieving multiple benefits through active mobility: reduced emissions and noise, better environment and improved human health (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/3 – EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/3)

B. General session of the Steering Committee

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee is expected to adopt the draft agenda of its sixteenth session as prepared by THE PEP secretariat (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe)) in consultation with the Bureau of the Steering Committee.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/1 - EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/1)

3. Election of officers

The Committee will elect a Chair and one or more Vice-Chairs, as needed. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Chair will rotate on a yearly basis between representatives of the transport, health and environment sectors. The Chair of the Committee's sixteenth session should represent the environment sector and the incoming and outgoing Chairs from, respectively, the health and transport sectors will serve as co-Chairs.

The Committee will review the composition of its Bureau (see annex) and consider electing new members.

[1] A fifth Priority Goal (To integrate transport, health and environmental objectives into urban and spatial planning policies) was added in 2014 through the adoption of the Paris Declaration (ECE/AC.21/2014/2-EUDCE1408105/1.6/4HLM/2, annex) and could be the focus of future symposiums.

4. Adoption of the reports of the Steering Committee, on its fifteenth session, and the Bureau, on its thirty-second and thirty-third meetings

The Committee will adopt the draft report on its fifteenth session and take note of the reports on the thirty-second and thirty-third meetings of the Bureau (Geneva, 8 November 2017 and Vienna, 10–11 July 2018, respectively); the latter meeting was held in an extended format and was open to all member States.

Documentation

Draft report of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme on its fifteenth session and report on the thirty-second meeting of the Bureau (ECE/AC.21/SC/2017/2–EUPCR1612201/4.4/SC15/2)

Report on the thirty-third meeting of the Bureau (informal document No. 1)

5. Outcome of the 2018 Symposium

The secretariat will summarize the conclusions of the 2018 THE PEP Symposium. The Committee will be invited to consider the outcomes of the Symposium, decide on follow-up action and discuss the topic of the next Symposium.

6. Preparations for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee launched preparations for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, to be hosted by the Government of Austria and held in Vienna from 22 to 24 October 2019. For a summary of the discussion, see the report of the fifteenth meeting of the Steering Committee (ECE/AC.21/SC/2017/2–EUPCR1612201/4.4/SC15/2, paras. 30–39).

At its sixteenth session, the Committee will consider the background documents, which highlight progress in implementation of THE PEP Priority Goals over the past five years. It may also wish to review the Goals, decide whether to suggest modifying them and/or adding new ones, and discuss ways to ensure that THE PEP plays a key role in the integration of health, environment and transport policies and in processes led by other programmes of the United Nations and ECE member States. The issues discussed might include the slogan for the High-level Meeting and the content of the draft declaration.

At the fifteenth session of the Steering Committee, it was suggested that one of the themes of the High-level Meeting might be the connection between THE PEP and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In that connection, the secretariat will present a new publication, Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) link, which highlights the links between THE PEP and the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets using examples from THE PEP activities.

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee requested the secretariat to investigate the possibility of holding a capacity-building activity in Central Asia in order to improve the integration of health and environmental aspects into transport policies. Accordingly, a capacity-building workshop for Central Asia (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 20-21 November 2018) was organized. The Committee may wish to review the workshop's conclusions as a subregional perspective that can be presented at the High-level Meeting and/or provide input into specific parts of its outcome document.

The Steering Committee may wish to consider the engagement of youth in the High-level Meeting.

It might also discuss options for financing the participation of additional representatives of countries with economies in transition in the High-level Meeting and its preparatory meetings.

Based on the draft calendar of preparations for the Fifth High-level Meeting, the Steering Committee may wish to decide when to meet again within the framework of an extended Bureau meeting in order to finalize negotiations on the political outcomes of the High-level Meeting.

Documentation

Draft concept note on the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/6 - EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/6)

Draft Declaration of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/7 - EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/7)

Draft calendar of preparations for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (informal document No. 2)

Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) link (informal document No. 3)

Strengthening the integration of health and environmental aspects into transport policies in Central Asian countries (informal document No. 4)

7. Implementing the Paris Declaration

The Committee will consider progress within the framework of the four implementation mechanisms of the Paris Declaration (ECE/AC.21/2014/2-EUDCE1408105/1.6/4HLM/2, annex): national transport, health and environment action plans; THE PEP relay race; THE PEP Partnerships; and THE PEP Academy.

(a) National transport, health and environment action plans

A national transport, health and environment action plan is a key mechanism for developing sustainable and healthy transport in a country. These plans call for cross-sectoral efforts and thus help to achieve THE PEP Priority Goals.

A representative of Serbia will update the Committee on preparation of national action plan on transport, health and environment in the country.

The Committee may wish to consider ways of helping other member States to develop national transport, health and environment action plans and building their capacity to integrate their transport, health and environment policies.

Documentation

Christian Schweizer, Francesca Racioppi and Leda Nemer, *Developing national action plans on transport, health and environment: A step-by-step manual for policy-makers and planners* (Copenhagen, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, 2014)

(b) Relay race

THE PEP relay race, initiated by the Amsterdam Declaration of 2009 and relaunched at the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Paris, 14–16 April 2014), provides an opportunity to share experience and best practices in sustainable and healthy transport and mobility and is one of the main mechanisms for implementing the Paris Declaration.

Delegations may be briefed on the relay races workshops held in 2018 and will be invited to discuss opportunities to host future workshops in 2019 and beyond.

(c) Partnerships

THE PEP Partnerships are an effective mechanism for supporting implementation of THE PEP at the national level, including by developing tools and methods and providing technical capacity-building to member States.

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee decided to continue to explore the potential of green transport for job creation and to establish a steering group for the third phase of the Partnership. The secretariat and representatives of France and the International Labour Organization will present a summary of the first meeting of the steering group (Paris, 20 March 2018).

The delegation of Austria will inform the Committee about progress with THE PEP Partnerships on cycling and eco-driving and with THE PEP TRANSDANUBE Partnership.

The Steering Committee will be invited to discuss the draft Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion and the summary for policymakers for guidelines on eco-driving, so that they could be negotiated in view of adoption at the High-level Meeting.

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee discussed a proposal for a publication on case studies and good practices on integrating transport and land-use planning in cities (Priority Goal 5). The secretariat and the Russian Federation will present the project proposal.

The secretariat will inform the Committee about revisions to the Health Economic Assessment Tool (HEAT) for walking and cycling, a user-friendly online tool designed to help urban planners, transport authorities and health practitioners to quantify the economic value of active mobility. The latest version (HEAT 4.0) includes new modules on road traffic injuries and mortality from air pollution and a module for estimating changes in carbon emissions resulting from a modal shift towards cycling and walking.

The secretariat will present a draft publication on THE PEP Partnerships as one of the promotional materials for the Fifth High-level Meeting.

Documentation

Draft Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/8 - EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/8)

Summary for policymakers for guidelines on eco-driving (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/7 - EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/7)

Concept Note for the project proposal, Improving ECE member States' knowledge of integrated transport and urban development issues, including from an environmental, health and quality-of-life perspective (informal document No. 5)

Draft publication on THE PEP Partnerships (informal document No. 6)

HEAT 4.0 user manual, 2017 edition

(d) Academy

The Paris Declaration provided for the establishment of a new implementation mechanism, THE PEP Academy, in order to link science, policy and practice. The Academy serves as a platform for strengthening capacities in the areas of integrated transport, health, environment and spatial planning, thereby facilitating the uptake of new knowledge and capitalizing on the achievements and experience of THE PEP.

The Committee may wish to discuss progress and challenges with regard to THE PEP Academy. The secretariat will present the its proposed workplan for the period 2018–2019 for consideration and possible adoption by the Committee.

Documentation

Workplan for activities of THE PEP Academy in 2018–2019 (informal document No. 7)

(e) Exploring new tools for implementation of the Paris Declaration

The secretariat will inform the Committee about progress in using the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) tool and on its implementation to date. ForFITS was developed by the ECE Sustainable Transport Division as part of a United Nations Development Account project in order to enhance international cooperation and plan sustainable transport policies with a focus on facilitating climate change mitigation.

Documentation

Progress with the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) carbon dioxide assessment tool (informal document No. 8)

8. Managing the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

(a) Monitoring progress in implementing the Priority Goals

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee considered the results of the annual survey on member States' implementation of THE PEP Priority Goals and agreed to recirculate the questionnaire in 2018.

The Steering Committee will present the results of the 2018 survey. Delegations may wish to report on planned or completed projects and activities in their countries and are encouraged to include not only good practices and experience, but also challenges to the implementation of environment-and-health-friendly transport policies in their countries. The Steering Committee may wish to consider identifying the problems encountered by countries not involved in THE PEP process and seeking ways to address them through THE PEP work programme.

Documentation

Regional overview of implementation of the Paris Declaration in 2018 (informal document No. 9)

(b) Communications strategy

The secretariat will present a draft communications strategy for the High-level Meeting.

The Steering Committee may wish to discuss opportunities to increase the visibility of THE PEP in the lead-up to the High-level Meeting and to promote the increased involvement of all potential stakeholders.

Member States will be invited to consider and suggest innovative approaches and share good practices for increasing the visibility of THE PEP and its achievements.

Documentation

Proposed communication strategy for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and communication activities for 2019 (informal document No. 10)

(c) Programme of work for 2018-2019

The Committee is invited to review the activities completed in 2018 and to adopt the draft programme of work for 2018–2019.

Documentation

Draft THE PEP programme of work for 2018–2019 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/4 – EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/4)

(d) Financial matters

The secretariat will report on the use of funds in 2018 and the expenditures planned for 2019 based on the draft programme of work. Delegations are expected to pledge contributions in cash or in kind in order to support implementation of THE PEP activities.

Documentation

Status of THE PEP Trust Fund (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/5 – EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/5)

(e) Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations

The Committee will be informed about collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes with a view to strengthening synergies.

The secretariat will report on THE PEP technical briefing that it provided at the sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee (Rome 17–20 September 2018) and on other occasions on which it promoted THE PEP in international processes.

The Committee may wish to discuss ways to promote THE PEP as a model for other regions and to strengthen collaboration with international organizations and processes.

Documentation

THE PEP Technical Briefing at the sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (Rome, 17–20 September 2018) (informal document No. 11)

9. Other business

The Committee may wish to consider other issues of interest in the field of transport, health and environment.

10. Date and venue of future sessions of the Steering Committee and meetings of the Bureau

A special session of the Steering Committee is scheduled to take place on 21 October 2019, the day before the High-level Meeting.

The seventeenth session of the Steering Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. As the High-level Meeting will take place in October 2019, the Steering Committee may wish to delay its seventeenth session from late 2019 to early 2020. The seventeenth session will, begin with a THE PEP Symposium and be followed by a meeting of the Bureau.

Unless otherwise decided, the thirty-fourth meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee of THE PEP will be held in Copenhagen in the summer of 2019.

III. Organization of work[2]

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3.30 – 4 p.m.	7 (b)
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12.45 – 1 p.m.	10

[2] The session will be followed by the thirty-fourth meeting of the Extended Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee, to be held on Friday, 14 December, beginning at 3 p.m.

Annex

Composition of the Bureau

The current composition of the Bureau is as set out below.

Health sector

- Mr. Mihail Kochubovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
- Ms. Vigdis Rønning (Norway)
- Mr. Ion Salaru (Republic of Moldova)

Transport sector

- Mr. Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation)
- Mr. Julien Fernandez (France)
- Mr. Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland)

Environment sector

- Ms. Biljana Filipovic (Serbia)
- Ms. Nino Tkhilava (Georgia)
- Mr. Robert Thaler (Austria)